

Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" (RIN1625-ZA18)(USCG-2008-0394) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7148. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone Regulations (including 9 regulations beginning with USCG-2008-0146)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7149. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 13 regulations beginning with USCG-2008-0048)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7150. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado; Affirmative Defense Provisions for Malfunctions; Common Provisions Regulation" (FRL No. 8573-5) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7151. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oxirane, 2-methyl-, polymer with oxirane, mono [2-(2-(2-butoxymethylethoxy) methylethoxy) methylethyl] ether; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8371-7) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7152. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Organic Liquids Distribution" (RIN2060-A099)(FRL No. 8693-9) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7153. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus thuringiensis Modified Cry1Ab Protein; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8371-6) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7154. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Section 110(a)(1) 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory for the Snyder County Area" (FRL No. 8692-9) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7155. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Section 110(a)(1) 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory for the Lawrence County Area" (FRL No. 8693-1) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7156. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Section 110(a)(1) 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory for the Northumberland County Area" (FRL No. 8693-3) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7157. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Section 110(a)(1) 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory for the Juniata County Area" (FRL No. 8693-4) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7158. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Reasonably Available Control Technology Requirements for Marine Vessel and Barge Loading" (FRL No. 8693-5) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7159. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "REMIC Residual Interests—REMIC Net Income (Including Any Excess Inclusions) (Foreign Holders)" (RIN1545-BB84)(TD 9415) received on July 15, 2008; to the Select Committee on Ethics.

EC-7160. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Rev. Proc. 2007-72" (RP-127833-08) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7161. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elections Regarding Start-up Expenditures, Corporation Organizational Expenditures, and Partnership Organizational Expenses" (RIN1545-BE78)(TD 9411) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7162. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the Government of Singapore to support the Singapore Air Force F-16 Block 52C/D Aircraft Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7163. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification involving the export of defense articles to the Royal Thai Navy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7164. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification of the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Canada and the Republic of South Korea to support the manufacture of Printed Wiring Boards; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7165. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the

Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, which requires that international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States be transmitted to the Congress within sixty days after the agreement has entered into force with respect to the United States (List 2008-104—2008-115); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7166. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual performance report for fiscal year 2007 relative to the collection of user fees from manufacturers who submit certain applications to market medical devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7167. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2007 Performance Report from the Office of Combination Products; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7168. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Head Start Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7169. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Office of Inspector General, Department of Education, received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7170. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Law and Order on Indian Reservations/Courts of Indian Offenses and Law and Order Code" (RIN1076-AE67) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7171. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Applications for Delayed-Notice Search Warrants and Extensions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7172. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Statement of the Case" (RIN2900-AM49) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2507. A bill to address the digital television transition in border states (Rept. No. 110-424).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 3278. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that no loan may be made from a qualified employer plan using a credit card or other intermediary

and to limit the number of loans that may be made from a qualified employer plan to a participant or beneficiary; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 3279. A bill to provide funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny the deduction for income attributable to domestic production of oil, gas, or primary products thereof for major integrated oil companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 3280. A bill to increase refining capacity and the supply of fuel, to open and preserve access to oil and gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 3281. A bill to improve air quality by expanding the use of low-emission natural gas as a transportation fuel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3282. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide assistance to States to establish and implement response plans to address rising heating oil, natural gas, diesel, and other energy costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 3283. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow, in recognition of his especially meritorious role as a warrior of the Crow Tribe, Army Soldier in World War II, and author; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3284. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the estate tax as in effect in 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 3285. A bill to ensure that, for each small business participating in the 8(a) business development program that was affected by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005, the period in which it can participate is extended by 24 months; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3286. A bill to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3287. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. REED, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. BYRD, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. TESTER):

S.J. Res. 44. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8

of title 5, United States Code, of the rule set forth as requirements contained in the August 17, 2007, letter to State Health Officials from the Director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the State Health Official Letter 08-003, dated May 7, 2008, from such Center; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 615. A resolution urging the Government of Turkey to respect the rights and religious freedoms of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Orthodox Christian Church; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Delaware

(Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1048, a bill to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries that activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1243

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1243, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide